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Sir:

This paper accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is in reply to the final Office Action dated August 18, 2005, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response to November 18, 2005.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 18, 2005, thereby setting a new two month shortened statutory period for filing an Appeal Brief to January 18, 2006. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants are submitting this RCE and Amendment.